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Renata Hesse
Department of Justice
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Re: US v. Microsoft Settlement

To Ms. Hesse:

The settlement in the case of US v. Microsoft should be accepted by the courts and I am writing to express my support.

My letter comes to you as a professional female executive, mother, and (most importantly) civic activist. I have been extremely involved in the Orange County, California community. First, as the regional representative for Governor Pete Wilson and now, as the President of a company specializing in local community relations. My business serves the needs of numerous ethnic communities including Hispanic, Chinese, and Vietnamese.

Over the last five years, I have seen the financial stability of many in these ethnic communities rise to levels unimaginable before the technology boom. New jobs were created, wages increased, and quality of life dramatically improved. Many in the second and third generations of these communities are now training for jobs in the technology industry. But, in the last six months, their financial stability has begun to erode.

The technology companies in Orange County have stopped hiring. Wages are beginning to go down. Many members of the different ethnic communities are concerned and beginning to look for financial assistance they didn't need just one year ago.

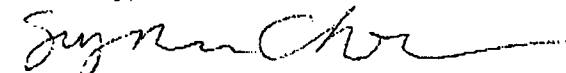
Why am I saying all this in a letter about the case against Microsoft? Because settling the case against Microsoft, in my opinion, is going to give a shot of adrenaline back into the economy. It will also free up some resources for the assistance needed by many of the people I work with.

In my discussions with some corporate clients, I have learned that many of the technology companies are waiting for a settlement before making new investment decisions. Computer training centers across Orange County are turning out hundreds of Microsoft certified technicians who won't find work until the case is settled. The examples of the economic impact of this case are endless.

As you are also aware, California is facing a budget deficit. I don't think it is fair that the schools attended by many in these ethnic communities may go without books, yet the government is considering spending millions more on the case against Microsoft.

I support settling the case against Microsoft from two differing perspectives. As an executive, I believe the case is damaging to our economy. More importantly, as a civic activist working with ethnic communities, I know this case is having a negative impact. I hope the case will be settled.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Suzanna Choi', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Suzanna Tashiro-Choi